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LATE TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

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There is no Alphabetical pronunciation of Madrid. Alfonso, the son of Queen Isabella, has been proclaimed King and is recognized by the Allies.

King Alfonso is everywhere peacefully received. The movement was effected without bloodshed.

A Conference of party leaders has been convened by MacMahon. They unanimously agree to discuss the constitutional laws, but there is a divergence concerning the transmission powers.

FRANCE.

The supposed Nana is declared to be an impostor.

It is reported that the relations between Austria and Prussia are hostile.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1876.

SUPREME COURT.

5th January.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR JOHN JUDG).

CHINESE HUN. CHAN SIK.—Interpleader.—This was a case in which the plaintiff obtained judgment against the defendant for \$200, the goods were sold and only realized \$43.25. The defendant then claimed before the judge were removed and stopped \$100 for rent.

Mr. Denney, on the part of the plaintiff, opposed the claim, but said that it was not presented before the sale; but as the goods were not delivered up till after the landlord put in his claim he had to refund the money realized to the landlord, &c.

J. JUSTICE.—W. W. GARDNER, \$348.—This case was adjourned for one week.

LEUNG ASHING v. J. S. HOOR AND OTHERS, \$400.—This case was adjourned till Thursday next.

LEUNG TUNG SHING v. MAX YAT, \$156.32.—This case was further adjourned till Thursday next.

LOW AOW v. LOW ACHIE, \$2014.—This case was adjourned for one week.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., in relation to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

I have taken place myself and Mr. James Greig, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, relative to the affairs of the Bank.

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Extracts.

DELIGHTFUL FLOWERS.
 Delightful flowers! What words can paint
 The garden's glowing prime?
 Thawed and fragrant, and so bland
 In summer's radiant time.
 When Autumn comes with storming days,
 Or when Winter hovers,
 Still from her brown bosom
 A coral of flowers.
 When heralds the Spring in robes of green,
 They give their gentle eyes,
 Glimmering with the dew of heaven,
 And smile with glad surprise.
 The wayward winds stoop to greet
 The flowers beneath their feet,
 The simple daisies children blue
 In many a green retreat.
 Surely if sight on earth may find
 The shadows of things above,
 In blooming flowers we realize
 Of heavenly bliss and love.

THE MOSQUITO.
 In its perfect, refined state, it is about
 as annoying a creature as can be, but should
 be remembered that the traveller is but a
 casual intruder in the natural domain of
 the mosquito, and must expect the conse-
 quences of his intrusion. Devouring travel-
 lers are not the normal occupation of the mos-
 quito, for hundreds of generations
 have lived and not one of them was
 ever killed. Their real object is to
 see a human being. Their larval state they
 benefit one. In the water, and feed on
 the tiny larvae of the child to their first
 attempt at execution. It was at a dinner
 in honour of Moore that I saw his first
 public appearance, as the writer of a song
 addressed to the poet, which he sang and
 was encircled in the acclamations of the
 room; and it was by his portrait of
 Moore's son, Russell, when his name was
 rising in a sister act, that he gained from
 some of his best judges in London, the most
 flattering acknowledgments. It is scarcely
 necessary to add that Moore's genius through-
 out life was from no more than a few
 the highest and heartiest admiration, and as
 a song-writer especially the former was
 never so justly estimated as by the latter in
 his preface to the collected edition of his own
 lyrics—*The Life of Samuel Lover, by Boyle*
Bernard.

THE WAYS OF IT.
 Present authors do not rank particularly
 high in the favour of their patrons. For
 one instance, that old Lady Seymour, who
 is eighty if she is a day, and has still
 the dear old thing, the pretty fifty man-
 ner of sweet seventeen—sends for her very par-
 ticular Sunday dinners, to a man of letters,
 and despatches half a dozen to actors and ar-
 tists. "These people who write are so dull,"
 her ladyship meditatively remarks. "I sup-
 pose they keep all their best things for me."
 What Lady Seymour likes is a lively
 rattle of conversation with the champagne,
 and a running fire of piquant anecdotes—
 "as piquant as you like, my dear"—with
 the claret. She is a woman of the world
 and understands that sort of thing. "I should
 not hang my head down, my dear, but rather
 raise it high, and let the world see that I
 am not a simpleton, and as regards the blushing
 part of the business, it would be strange if
 she did; for her ladyship paints an inch
 thick, and what is not paint is enamel. With
 continental, and above all with American,
 literature the case is different. These are
 to be met with in great varieties in dis-
 tinct drawing-rooms and at lady dinners. The
 Marquis of Carabas would not soon ask an
 English journalist to dinner as his tailor;
 but much affects the society of Trans-
 atlantic bards and Parisian feuilletonists.
 The real Maccenas of the day, the true mo-
 dern antiques of the courtly and cultured
 premier of his Roman majesty, Augustus the
 Great, belongs to the class of the latter.
 Very probably he is a gentleman of commer-
 cial antecedents, possessed by a parliamen-
 tary ambition. He has a great idea of the
 influence of the press, and is convinced that
 its writers must be "a devilish well informed
 set of fellows."—*Bolivia.*

PINE FORESTS IN PORTUGAL.
 The pine forest in general monotonous
 and uninteresting for the trees are always
 cut before they reach the dignity of a two
 foot timber, and the side branches are lop-
 ped year after year to within a yard or two
 of the tree top. The traveller passes league
 after league of straight stemmed pine, and
 wears for the sight of a green field or a
 vineyard. The pine forest, too, as in other
 countries, is a constant source of trouble to
 the peasantry, and the birds com-
 monly seen or heard. Now and then a wood
 owl flits out of the shadow of an ivied tree,
 and the occasional call of a woodpecker's
 beak, or his sudden laugh like a
 sound that a traveller feels to be a re-
 lief to the stillness. Human beings are
 rarely encountered, though the forest
 maintains its own peculiar population.
 Where the trees are rooted in anything but
 blowing sand, grass grows; and the cutting of
 it once in every three years affords some
 profit. Goats in Portuguese farms economy
 is of great value, being used for the bedding
 of fatted cattle, while the whole of the
 farm is used for their food, a system
 that has many obvious advantages, and others
 that are not so obvious. Every now and
 then, in the depth of the forest, a party of
 charcoal burners is met with, or of sawyers
 and carpenters, who encamp in the woods,
 fell and saw up the pines, and make the
 boards upon the spot into doors, windows,
 and boxes, which are carried long distances
 for sale. If the forest is in the neighbourhood
 of towns, the fallen needles and cones are
 collected by women and children and car-
 ried in nets on donkey-back for sale as fuel.
 These are the purely forestal indus-
 tries—the only human life connected with it
 —but this dreary desert of wood has its
 uses. Wherever a brook crosses the forest
 the scene shifts immediately, and the water-
 course is margined by narrow fields of maize,
 rye, and wheat, or orchards of fruit trees
 reach on either side as far as the water can
 be made to flow. The stream itself is bor-
 dered with pollarded oak and chestnut trees,
 over which vines are trained. The water
 flows work like magic under their hot suns,
 and the barren, dusty soil is turned by it
 into fertile meadow land. The silence of the
 forest is exchanged in an instant for a con-
 cert of woodlarks and nightingales, and the
 refreshing coolness of the water-laden air
 and the green shadow of deciduous trees are
 positively delicious to the traveller who has
 passed through the dreary forest, and
 breathed the dry, over-sun-dried air, pungent
 with the peculiar burnt odour which the
 pines give out.—*New Quarterly Magazine.*

INNOCENT OLD GENTLEMEN.

When pious asks some of his dear old
 comes to dinner, and they come in high
 clothes and white cravats, and you
 put on the limp muslin that hangs away,
 or the good gown that never did fit well,
 which it would be a shame to put away—
 don't for a moment imagine that they do not
 see it. If you have an ugly and easy way
 of doing up your hair, keep it for another con-
 sideration. It will pass better with young people,
 who may take it for the new style, than with
 these old gentlemen. He will bear with it,
 perhaps even approve of it, if he has only
 never seen it before; but they will wonder
 what in the world the child has done to her-
 self. No more observant spectator in the
 world than your silent, unimpeachable-looking
 innocent old gentleman—"Mr. Smith," by
 L. E. Wood.

DON QUIXOTE.

Like other reformers wise and virtuous,
 Don Quixote passes in corrupt and vicious
 society for a fool; he dreams of the possi-
 bility of obliterating last, extinguishing an-
 imosity, and of doing good without the
 hope of reward—the pure morality of the
 Karma-Yoga system of Indian philosophy
 —of refraining from cruelty and wrong,
 unobscured by the fear of retribution. In
 short, he is a madman, and this his mono-
 mania. In other respects he is like other
 men. Sancho gradually develops from the
 rustic, whose day-dream it was to enrich
 himself with a few maravedis, into the clever
 knave. A brave sight it is to see these two,
 inseparable as the body and the soul, joined
 to whom the *Cavallero del Verde Gaban*, the
 representative of the man, forms a perfect tri-
 umph. Sancho Panza, seldom unfaithful of
 his "little bags," Don Quixote, whose con-
 sciousness is as clear as a noble madman
 going into a desert of convulsions; the two
 doing wisely deeds of common sense; the one
 the follower of the Stoic, the other of the
 Cynic, the latter of the latter, the superior of
 the former in the second part, superior to
 the hero in the judgment of the earth or to the
 first; but not so well received, from the want
 of ridiculous adventures, by the rabble, "as"
 is continually "Panem et Circenses," of
 maintaining only as sufficient to bind it to
 the first, it is a trinket of practical philoso-
 phy, a collection of maxims, offered; it is
 true, generally in the guise of parable, which
 a wide experience has shown to be the most
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 satire on humanity.—*Cornhill Magazine.*

MOORE AND LOVER.

It is curious to observe in this occurrence
 the first indication of the spell which the
 genius of Thomas Moore seemed to throw
 over the mind and life of Lover. It was
 Moore's air of "Will you come to the
 Bower?"—the great favourite in those days
 of all circles, Irish or English, that urged
 the tiny fingers of the child to their first
 attempt at execution. It was at a dinner
 in honour of Moore that I saw his first
 public appearance, as the writer of a song
 addressed to the poet, which he sang and
 was encircled in the acclamations of the
 room; and it was by his portrait of
 Moore's son, Russell, when his name was
 rising in a sister act, that he gained from
 some of his best judges in London, the most
 flattering acknowledgments. It is scarcely
 necessary to add that Moore's genius through-
 out life was from no more than a few
 the highest and heartiest admiration, and as
 a song-writer especially the former was
 never so justly estimated as by the latter in
 his preface to the collected edition of his own
 lyrics—*The Life of Samuel Lover, by Boyle*
Bernard.

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PINE FORESTS IN PORTUGAL.

The pine forest in general monotonous
 and uninteresting for the trees are always
 cut before they reach the dignity of a two
 foot timber, and the side branches are lop-
 ped year after year to within a yard or two
 of the tree top. The traveller passes league
 after league of straight stemmed pine, and
 wears for the sight of a green field or a
 vineyard. The pine forest, too, as in other
 countries, is a constant source of trouble to
 the peasantry, and the birds com-
 monly seen or heard. Now and then a wood
 owl flits out of the shadow of an ivied tree,
 and the occasional call of a woodpecker's
 beak, or his sudden laugh like a
 sound that a traveller feels to be a re-
 lief to the stillness. Human beings are
 rarely encountered, though the forest
 maintains its own peculiar population.
 Where the trees are rooted in anything but
 blowing sand, grass grows; and the cutting of
 it once in every three years affords some
 profit. Goats in Portuguese farms economy
 is of great value, being used for the bedding
 of fatted cattle, while the whole of the
 farm is used for their food, a system
 that has many obvious advantages, and others
 that are not so obvious. Every now and
 then, in the depth of the forest, a party of
 charcoal burners is met with, or of sawyers
 and carpenters, who encamp in the woods,
 fell and saw up the pines, and make the
 boards upon the spot into doors, windows,
 and boxes, which are carried long distances
 for sale. If the forest is in the neighbourhood
 of towns, the fallen needles and cones are
 collected by women and children and car-
 ried in nets on donkey-back for sale as fuel.
 These are the purely forestal indus-
 tries—the only human life connected with it
 —but this dreary desert of wood has its
 uses. Wherever a brook crosses the forest
 the scene shifts immediately, and the water-
 course is margined by narrow fields of maize,
 rye, and wheat, or orchards of fruit trees
 reach on either side as far as the water can
 be made to flow. The stream itself is bor-
 dered with pollarded oak and chestnut trees,
 over which vines are trained. The water
 flows work like magic under their hot suns,
 and the barren, dusty soil is turned by it
 into fertile meadow land. The silence of the
 forest is exchanged in an instant for a con-
 cert of woodlarks and nightingales, and the
 refreshing coolness of the water-laden air
 and the green shadow of deciduous trees are
 positively delicious to the traveller who has
 passed through the dreary forest, and
 breathed the dry, over-sun-dried air, pungent
 with the peculiar burnt odour which the
 pines give out.—*New Quarterly Magazine.*

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 Agents, Second Colonial Sea and Fire Insurance Company of Hongkong,
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THE SWISS LLOYD'S TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY.
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 Agents, Swiss Lloyd's Transport Insurance Company,
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